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MOOT POINTS

NOTES FROM THE SARITA KENEDY EAST LAW LIBRARY

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Connecting people to information: Access, Educate, Empower

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Library Hours and Schedule of Events

Monday-Thursday
7am—12am

Friday
7am—10pm

Saturday
9am—10pm

Sunday
10am—12am

View our monthly calendars on
our website: [www.stmarytx.edu/
law/library](http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library).

Director's Message



Greetings! Welcome new students, and for the returning students, welcome back. The library is a great place for study, research and collaboration. In this issue, we've included much useful information for your reference. I'd like to direct your attention to two items: the new food/drink policy (front page) and the enforcement of existing fines for overdue or lost items (back cover). These policies are necessary for the smooth operation of the library and enjoyment of the privileges by all. I'd be interested in your comments and suggestions. You can talk to me in person or send an email to rhu@stmarytx.edu.

Bob Hu, Director and Professor of Law

Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Food & Drink Policy

Enjoy Snacks But Leave No Trace

Beverages

All beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling.

No food or drinks are allowed in the computer lab or any library computer.

Clean up after yourself and report any spills to the circulation desk.

Food

Please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Please see examples of the types of food allowed in main library spaces below.

Allowed	Not Allowed
Pretzels	French fries
Nuts	Pizza
Granola Bars	Burgers & Sandwiches
Grapes or Raisins	Ice Cream
Bagels	Soups & Salads
Cookies	Food Requiring Utensils

You may eat meals and foods of all types in the second floor student lounge, or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces.

Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels.

The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons.

Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.



Recent Faculty Publications

by Liana Morales, Library Assistant

Congratulations and all the best for continued scholarly achievement!

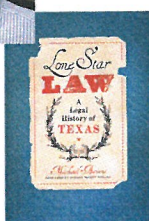


■ **Professor Jeff Addicott**, published a law review article called *American Punitive Damages vs. Compensatory Damages in Promoting Enforcement in Democratic Nations of Civil Judgments to Deter State Sponsors of Terrorism*. It appears in the University of Massachusetts Roundtable Symposium Law Journal 192 (Winter 2010).



Upcoming Faculty Book

By Liana Morales

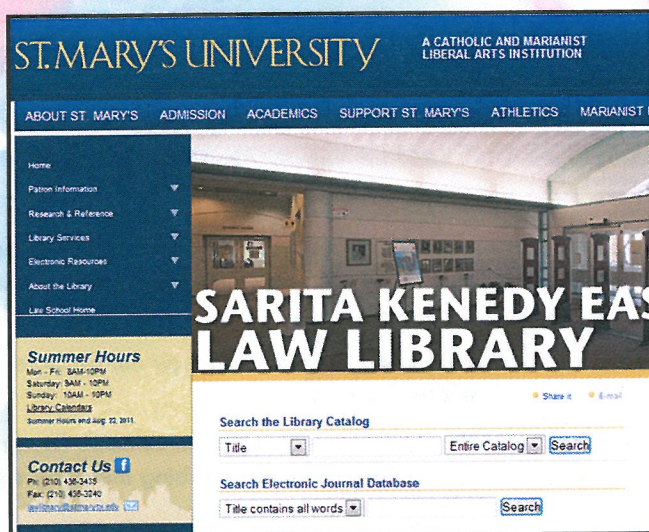


Texas Tech University press will soon be releasing a book by Professor Michael Ariens called "Lone Star Law," about the history of the law in Texas.

The contents in his thoroughly researched book delineate Texas history of law from

its early days through 20th century and beyond, covering topics on property, family, business, criminal and torts. Texas law reflects on the uniqueness of the Lone Star State and this book will show just how multifaceted it is. *Lone Star Law* is set to debut in October. Congratulations, Professor Ariens on your publication!

Website Wonders



By Lee Unterborn, Catalog Librarian

With the coming of the new academic year, it is time to talk about two very useful websites close to home. The first is the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Webpage.

<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/>

Here you will find basic information on the Law Library, such as Hours of Operation, Law Library Policies etc. From the website you can also do such things as e-mail ILL requests to the Law Library, and you will find links to the Law Library's online catalog and Law Library subscription databases and a link to the Law Library's online exam file.

References to Reference

by Garry Stillman
Reference and Collection Development Librarian

If you are a 1L or even a 3L and you need to create an outline for a class or simply read an overview of an unfamiliar subject, you might want to check out the law library's collection of student introductions or study aids.

These titles are **not** simply outlines readily available in university bookstores, but instead detailed yet introductory overviews on a variety of subjects ranging from torts and civil procedure to bankruptcy and constitutional law.

One major series in our collection is the **Examples and Explanations** series published by Aspen/Wolters Kluwer Law and Business. To locate an alphabetically arranged list of **Examples** titles available in our library, access the library catalog at <http://regina.stmarytx.edu>, select the catalog field "SERIES TITLE" and enter the phrase "Examples and Explanations." Titles available in this problem-oriented series range

from first-year subjects (e.g. contracts and property) to upper-level subjects (e.g. international and family law).

A similar series encompassing topics ranging from administrative law to transnational law, is Foundation Press/Thomson West's **Concepts and Insights** series. This series may be located in our catalog by choosing the field "SERIES TITLE" and typing in the phrase "Concepts and Insights."

Also available from Thomson/West is the **Nutshell** series, popular with law students and laypersons alike. To locate an alphabetically arranged list of the more than 400 titles in our collection, enter the phrase "Nutshell series" in the library's catalog.

Last (but certainly not least), a useful study aid available electronically to all law students is **CALI**—an interactive database from the Center for Computer-Assisted Instruction. **CALI** offers instructional materials on an ever-expanding variety of legal topics. To learn how to access **CALI**, please contact a reference librarian.



Popular Reading Book Review



By Liana Morales

My Demons Were Real: Constitutional Lawyer Joseph Calamia's Journey

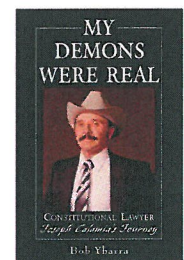
Written by Bob Ybarra

Pop Reading KF 373 .C325 Y33 2010

This is a fascinating and significant biography of a man who became an unsung hero of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. From an early age, Joseph Calamia understood the

importance of the rights of individuals and made it his life's work to protect civil liberties, especially along the U.S.-Mexico border region in El Paso, Texas. Read this book and discover the cases and challenges this man fought and won, many of which remain as milestones in the history of Southwest Texas law practice.

You can find this book in our Popular Reading section, located on the first floor of the library, near the entrance, next to the Rare Book Room.



Our Library By the Numbers

Acquisitions and Cataloging: 2398 volumes, 488 titles

Circulation of Items/Times: 605

Faculty Requests: 18 requests which took 53 hours to complete

Interlibrary Loans: 108



**Library transactions
from May through
June.**

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Calendar of Days

August

1st - Francis Scott Key's birthday
 12th - International Youth Day
18th - Law School Orientation
22nd - 1st Day of School
 26th - Women's Equality Day

September

3rd - Uncle Sam's Birthday
5th - Labor Day (No Classes)
 11th - WTC Remembrance Day
 15th - National Hispanic Heritage
 Month Begins
 17th - Citizenship Day
 21st - International Day of Peace
 23rd - Native American Day

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Advice for Incoming 1Ls

"Avail yourselves to the assistance of reference librarians. Don't hesitate to stop by. We are here to help you."
 — Garry Stillman

"Set aside time to reconnect with friends and family."
 — Katy Stein

"Prioritize things in your life. Budget your time wisely."
 — Diane Powell

"Don't be afraid to ask for help."
 — Stacy Fowler

"Make sure to keep things in perspective. It's new and the law is being taught in new ways."
 — Mario Leyva

"Your first year is like a marathon. Set Benchmarks."
 — Mike Martinez

"Stay away from drama."
 — Diana Mendoza

"Don't smoke!"
 — Liana Morales

"There're people here who can help you. Don't be afraid to ask questions."
 — Brandon Vasquez

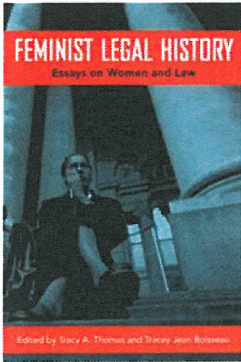
"Familiarize yourself with the layout of the library."
 — Lee Unterborn

Notable New Acquisitions

By Stacy Fowler, Technical Services Librarian

Feminist Legal History

Edited by Tracey A. Thomas and Tracey Jean Boisseau
KF 478 .46 2011



Feminist Legal History: Essays on Women and Law, edited by Tracy A. Thomas and Tracey Jean Boisseau, is a collection of new essays on the expansive subject of the gendered inequality of laws throughout the history of the United States. Covering such timely topics as the rights of women in the military, abortion rights, sexual harassment in the workplace,

and the continued struggle for basic equality, Thomas and Boisseau have accumulated thirteen essays that help navigate the past and hopefully point the

way to a less gendered future. The essays included “look at women’s status in society over time through the lens of the law” with an aim to “contribute to discussions of the law and policy decisions of today in ways that promote women’s rights, women’s interests, and women’s empowerment” (1). For further study, the volume also includes extensive notes, a list of relevant cases, a select bibliography, and an in-depth index. With the included selections, the editors hope to “contribute not only to a reconsideration of the past but also to the imagining of a more liberatory legal system and decidedly feminist future” (xi). Appropriate for those who are well-read in feminist literature as well as for those who are new to the subject, *Feminist Legal History* is well worth the read. You can find this book in our collection at **KF 478 .F46 2011**.

Check out this book in our general collection stacks on the 2nd floor.

Database Snapshots

By Garry Stillman, Reference Librarian

This column will briefly review significant and useful databases subscribed to by the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library and currently available to our patrons.

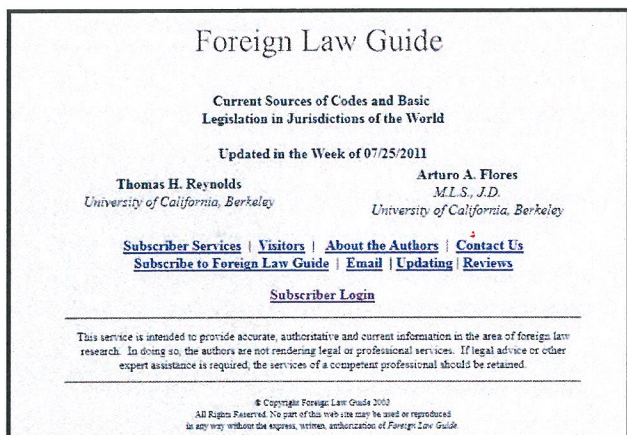
This month we highlight the **Foreign Law Guide**. As the subtitle — **Current Sources of Codes and Basic Legislation in Jurisdictions of the World** — suggests, this database is a bibliographic (not full-text) guide to primary and selected secondary statutory and code sources from almost two hundred legal jurisdictions.

Whenever available, cites to English translations are included, and the official version is preferred. Although the guide does not itself include full-text, hyperlinks to official and other sources of full-text available on the Internet are featured. A brief overview essay on legal sources for each jurisdiction is also included. Updating is frequent.

Searching is fairly straightforward, allowing retrieval by jurisdiction or legal subject headings (e.g. taxation, bankruptcy). The database may be accessed from the law library by 1.) Typing in the URL

www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php; 2.) clicking on “Electronic Resources”; 3.) selecting “International and Foreign Law”; and 4.) clicking on “Foreign Law Guide”. Remote access is also available to law students (contact a reference librarian for information on this option).

For anyone needing information on legislative sources for countries (and supranational organizations) of the world, the **Foreign Law Guide** will provide a useful and easy-to-use research tool.



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Our Mission Statement

Sarita Kenedy East Law Library of St. Mary's University supports legal education and scholarship by providing outstanding service and information resources.

Our library is the winner of the American Institute of Architects Honor Award and the Texas Society of Architects Honor Award and is well-equipped with multimedia collections, labs, wireless Internet, and helpful, knowledgeable staff. Law students of the university have access to quiet study areas, 136 private carrels, 17 conference rooms, and two classrooms.

Come visit us or see us online.

Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Renewals & Fines Policy

Users are allowed one renewal per circulation period so long as items are not wanted by another patron. Reserve items can be checked out for 4 hours. There will be **no extensions or renewals** allowed on Reserve Items. These are high-demand items and should be returned promptly once users are finished with them.

Users with overdue items are charged \$1 per item per day (50 cents per hour per item for reserve materials), and items overdue for more than 3 weeks are deemed lost. The replacement cost for a lost item is the dollar amount of the item plus a \$25 replacement fee.

For more on the library's access and policies, look on our website under the Patron Information tab.



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Student e-mail will now be hosted by Microsoft **Live**

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- Keep your current e-mail address and login
- Access through Gateway, but with more features
- 25 GB free storage, SkyDrive and Microsoft Web Applications

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